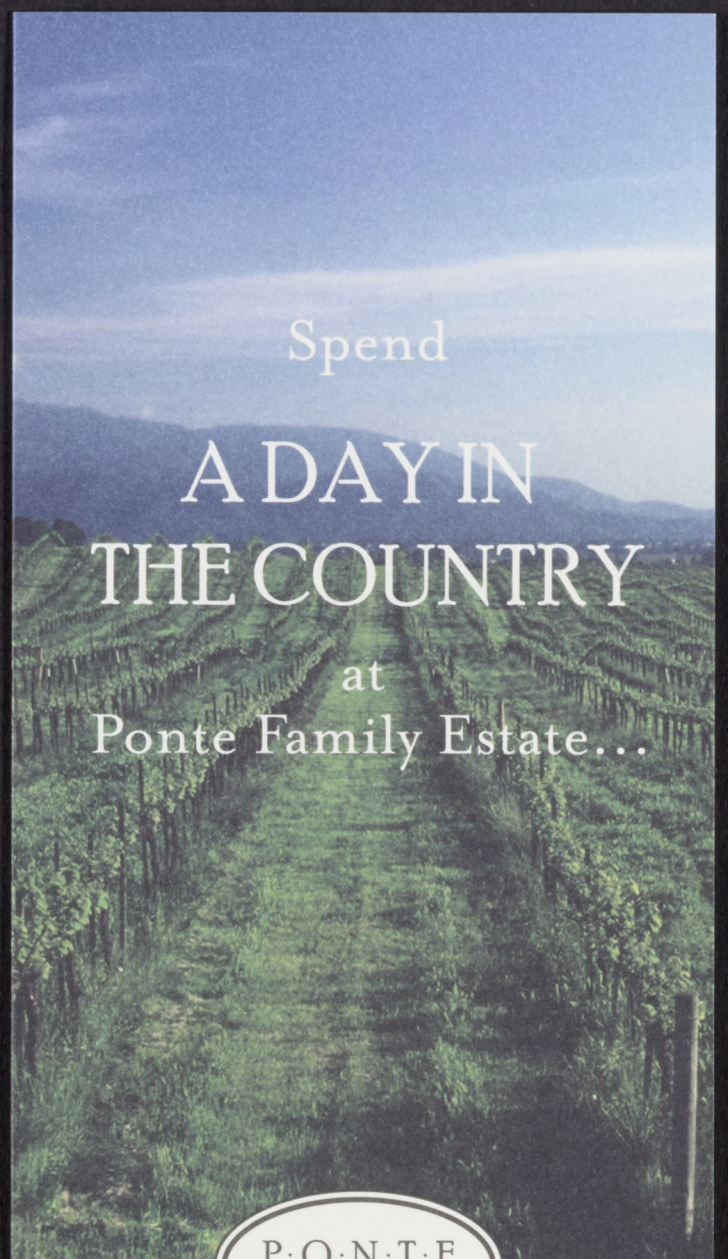

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# PONTE WINES & VINES

We classify our wines according to taste. You don't have to worry about the sugar content at harvest, the climate conditions or the make-up of the soil, because we do. You only need to enjoy what you're tasting.

*Wine Rule #1: If you like it, it's good wine.*

Most of the 30-year old vines on the property produce *Cabernet, Merlot* and *Chardonnay*. However, we also farm *Zinfandel, Sangiovese, Chenin Blanc* and *Muscat*. The rich soil of our land gives the grapes a fruity and delicate flavor, which simply means our wines are enjoyable to drink.

Using the best *Cabernet* and *Merlot* grapes, our versions of these varietals are carefully blended to make them very drinkable with a wide variety of foods. Try our *Chardonnay* and *Sauvignon Blanc* - true crowd pleasers full of delicious fruit.

Our Ponte signature wines will be of particular interest to those with a sweet tooth. Named after Roberto & Claudio Ponte's daughters, *Isabel* and *Juliet* are as charming as their namesakes. Isabel is a light and fruity white wine, and Juliet is a fresh Rosé.

Our Reserve wines under the Belmonte label - *Sangiovese, Nebbiolo* and *Barbera* - pay homage to our Italian roots.

People in the know will uncork a bottle of our *Zinfandel Port* for late night relaxation.

# TASTING ROOM

*Is wine just another beverage that goes with dinner ~ or is it a lifestyle?*

We leave that to you. Whether you're just out for a fun-filled day with friends and family, or you are an experienced wine enthusiast, our tasting room is the perfect place to make that determination. Large tasting counters and friendly, knowledgeable service staff ensure a pleasant and informative experience.

# MARKETPLACE

*You never know what one-of-a-kind treasure you may find in our little country store.*

The Marketplace is filled with interesting gift items from local and international artisans. Tableware, ceramic pots and platters, kitchen accessories, fine crystal stemware and of course lots of wine, make up a small portion of our selection. We also have a variety of hard to find wine books for those interested in the technical aspects of winemaking. And you'll discover our specialty foods to entice another kind of tasting pleasure!

*Keep checking back ~ we release several new wines per year, and new merchandise is arriving from all over the world... it's all in one place!*

# THE SMOKEHOUSE CAFE

Our Executive Chef raises the bar in food presentation and taste in Temecula. A skillful cook, he has worked closely with the Pontes to develop menus which reflect our family traditions and exquisitely match the wines. Using the finest, freshest and healthiest ingredients, he creates dishes that are right at home in the Winery's country setting.

*"Wine Country cooking exemplifies the relationship that chefs and farmers have built together", says Roberto Ponte, Cellarmaster at the Ponte Family Estate.*

The Smokehouse Cafe menu blends the influences of the local vineyards and farmers' markets with the tastes of the Ponte Family Estate wines, to create our own version of California Cuisine. Dine on the veranda, and enjoy these creations while taking in the breathtaking views!

# GUIDED TOURS

*Are you interested in today's grape growing trends? Would you like to learn more about winemaking?*

Take one of our tours and get the most out of your visit. Or, if you just want to relax, sip on a glass of our wine and go for a stroll around the gardens.

# PONTE FAMILY ESTATE

*Leave behind the hectic pace of everyday life, for the tranquility of the Temecula Wine Country.*

The Ponte Family Estate is a new winery in the heart of the Temecula Valley Wine Country. Conceived and built by Ponte brothers Roberto and Claudio - grape growers in Temecula since 1984 - the facility caters to each visitor with a large tasting room, fine food, ample parking, and other amenities designed to enhance the quality of your visit. Destined to be a landmark, the winery crafts inviting wines which delight the palates of wine lovers and newcomers alike. This winery experience will undoubtedly capture the hearts of those who savor fine country living.

The Winery, nestled among 350 acres of vineyards, offers a charming and comfortably sophisticated atmosphere. It is the perfect setting for enjoying a beautiful day in the Temecula Wine Country, while learning a little about winemaking. From the open-beam ceilings in the tasting room barn and the restored "mission" serving as a cellar and barrel room, to the beautifully landscaped gardens where you can enjoy the breathtaking views of the vineyards and mountains, every detail is designed to enhance your experience. Leisurely shop our Marketplace, home to a unique selection of specialty foods and gift items. Or sit on the veranda outside The Smokehouse Cafe, and enjoy a bottle of our wine with a tasty country dish.

*"We like to use our food to complement our wines, and vice versa. When you add good friends, great atmosphere, and terrific wines, you are guaranteed a most pleasurable day!" ~ Claudio Ponte*

# SPECIAL EVENTS & WEDDINGS

*Let us help you plan the perfect day in the country at Ponte Family Estate.*

We offer the ideal blend of picturesque scenery, fabulous wines, excellent country cuisine and relaxing atmosphere to host your special event. We have several locations on the property from which to choose, including three different outdoor grass and garden areas, a Tent Pavilion, the Mission-Style Barrel Room, and our VIP Tasting Room.

Contact our Special Event and Catering Manager for more information on how we can provide you with a hassle-free and memorable event.

# THE WINE CLUB

*Enjoy the benefits of the wine country lifestyle by joining our unique club.*

Have Ponte Family Estate wine sent directly to you! The Ponte Family Estate Wine Club memberships make the perfect gift for friends and family. Enjoy discounts on wine purchases, receive preferred invitations to upcoming events, and get information on newly released wines before anyone else!

## DIRECTIONS

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